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SUBJECT: DETAINED STUDENT LEADER DANIEL MONTSITSI

1. SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROJECT OF THE LAWYER'S COMMITTEE
FOR CIVIL RIGHTS UNDER LAW HAS REQUESTED DEPARTMENT'S
ASSISTANCE IN DETERMINING THE WELFARE OF DETAINED SSRC
PRESIDENT DANIEL SECHABA HONTSITSI.

2. LAWYERS COMMITTEE RECEIVED WORD THAT MONTSITSI HAS
BEEN SEVERELY INJURED WHILE IN DETENTION AND IS NOW
CRIPPLED. ITS ACCOUNT SEEMS IN LINE WITH STEMPEL-
DEVILLIERS MEMCON OF AUG. 19, 1977.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE CONGEN'S EFFORT TO VERIFY
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MONTSITSI'S SITUATION FOR POSSIBLE APPROACH TO THE SAG.
MONTSITSI IS REPORTEDLY BEING HELD IN JOHN VORSTER JAIL
IN JOHANNESBURG.

4. FOR LONDON: WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S OPINION ON
POSSIBLE COORDINATED APPROACH WITH HMG TO SAG CONCERNING
MONTSITSI. CHRISTOPHER

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